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"OPERATION BUCHAREST"

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ARE NOT THERE ---

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YOU WHAT IT IS TO
SUFFER!

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TRUST ME?

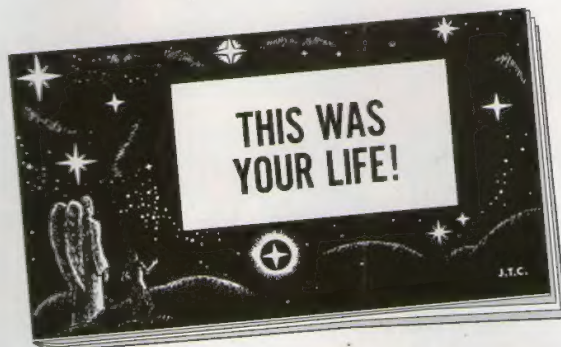
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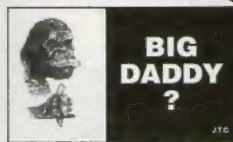
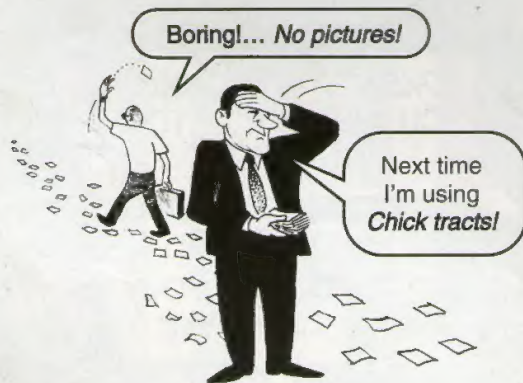
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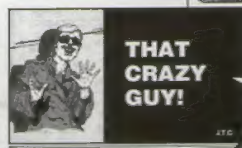
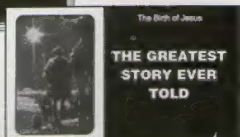
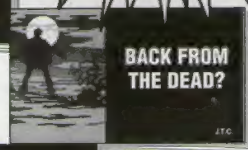
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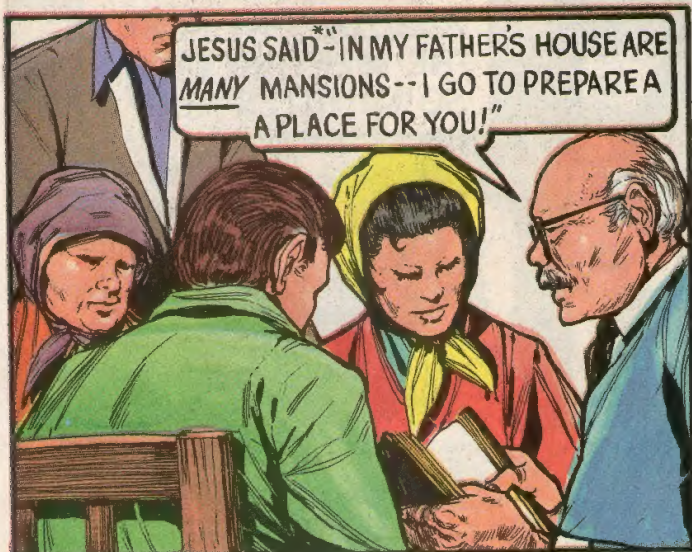
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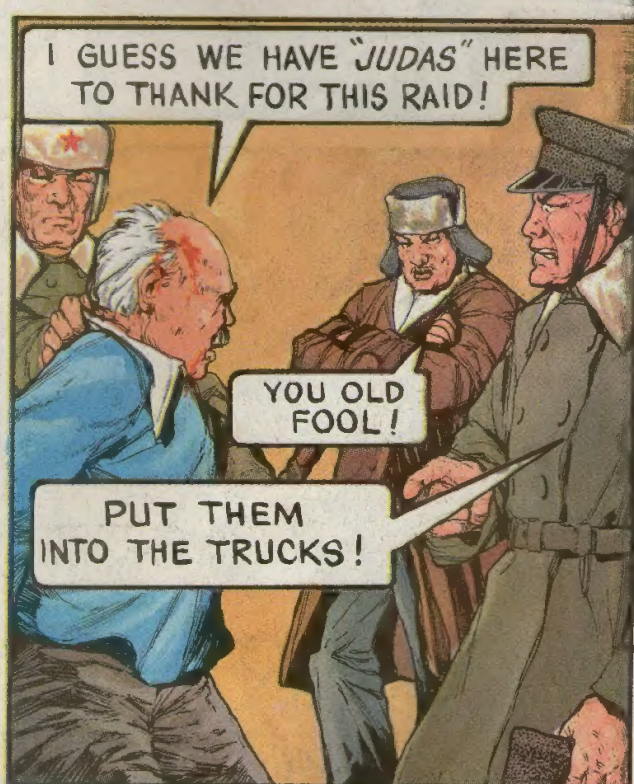
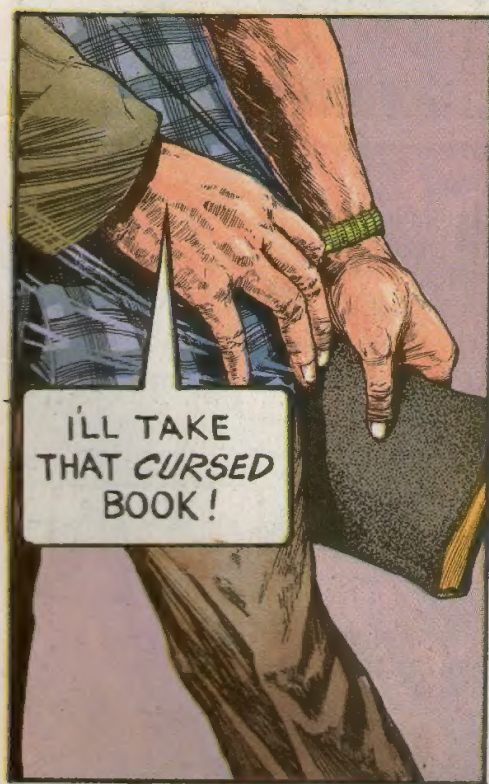
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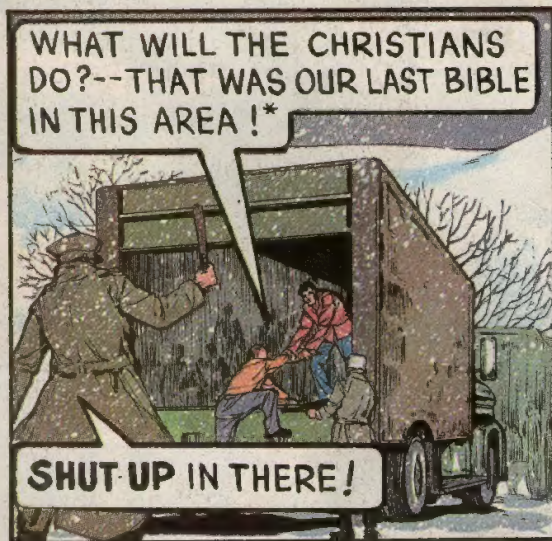
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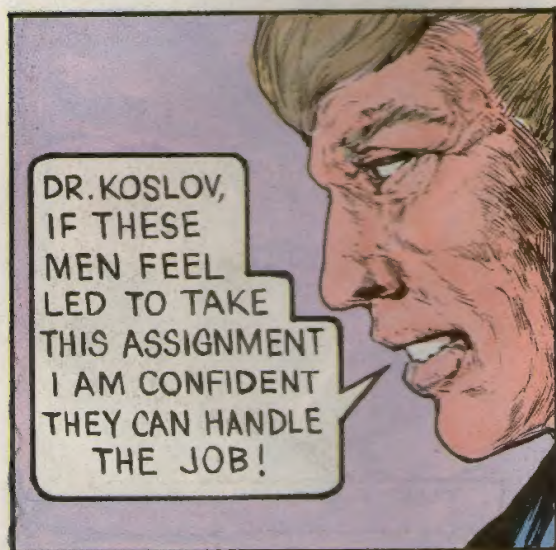
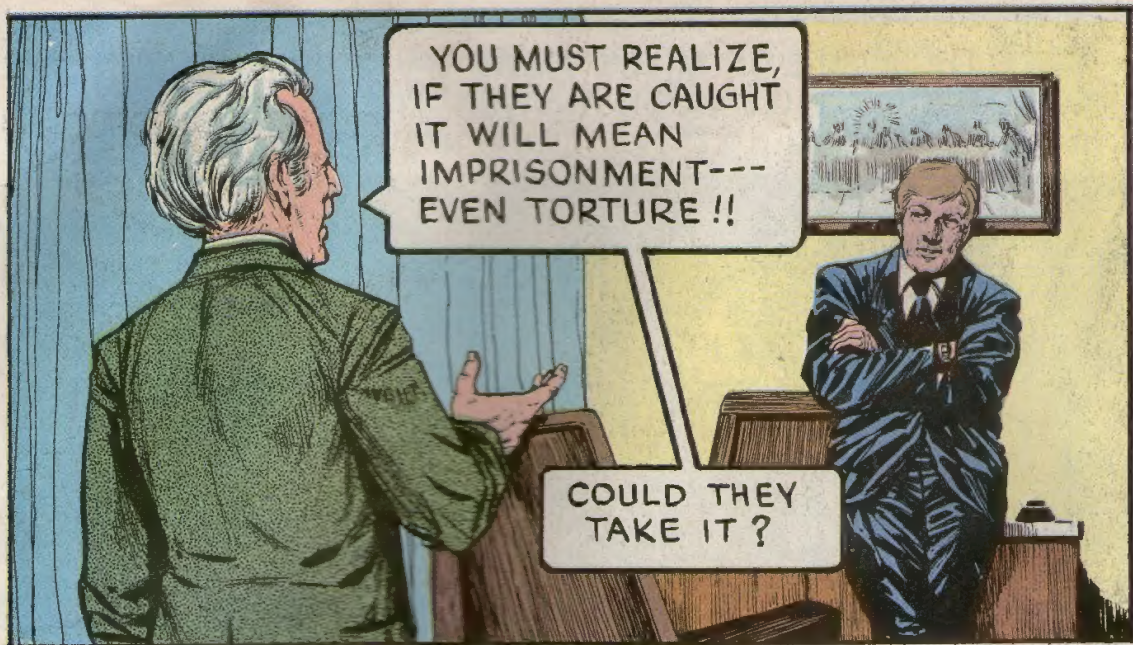


WHILE THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY ---- A PLAN IS BEING FORMED THAT WILL SOON ANSWER THEIR PRAYERS. DR. KOSLOV IS IN A LITTLE CHURCH OUTSIDE CHICAGO.

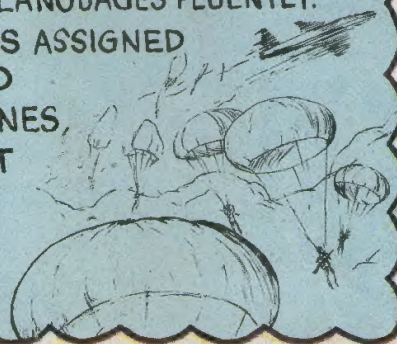


ARE YOU SURE THESE MEN ARE QUALIFIED FOR THIS JOB ?

ABSOLUTELY, DR. KOSLOV !



TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD. HE WAS A GREEN BERET WITH THE SPECIAL FORCES. HE SPEAKS EIGHT LANGUAGES FLUENTLY. THE TEAM HE WAS ASSIGNED TO, WAS DROPPED BEHIND ENEMY LINES, ON A TOP SECRET MISSION-----



BECAUSE OF A SECURITY LEAK --- THE ENEMY WAS WAITING!!



ONLY ONE MAN ESCAPED!

BY A MIRACLE TIM MADE IT
BACK ACROSS THE LINES



A CHRISTIAN NATIVE FOUND
HIM AT THE POINT OF DEATH

IT WAS THROUGH THE
PRAYERS AND MEDICAL
HELP OF THE MISSIONARIES--

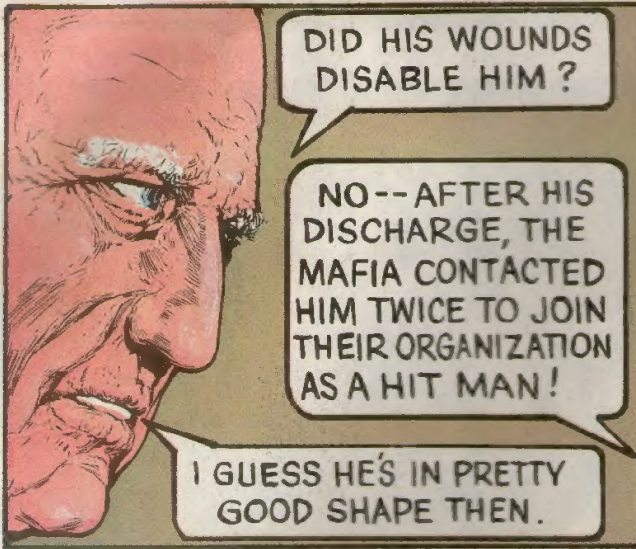


THAT HE SURVIVED !

BEFORE HE WAS WELL ENOUGH TO RETURN TO HIS OUTFIT----
TIMOTHY EMERSON CLARK WAS GIVEN THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST
BY THE MISSIONARIES.

THE SCRIPTURES *
TOUCHED HIS HEART.
BY THE TIME HE
GOT BACK TO HIS
OUTFIT---TIM
HAD BECOME A
RADIANT
CHRISTIAN.





DID HIS WOUNDS
DISABLE HIM ?

NO-- AFTER HIS
DISCHARGE, THE
MAFIA CONTACTED
HIM TWICE TO JOIN
THEIR ORGANIZATION
AS A HIT MAN !

I GUESS HE'S IN PRETTY
GOOD SHAPE THEN.

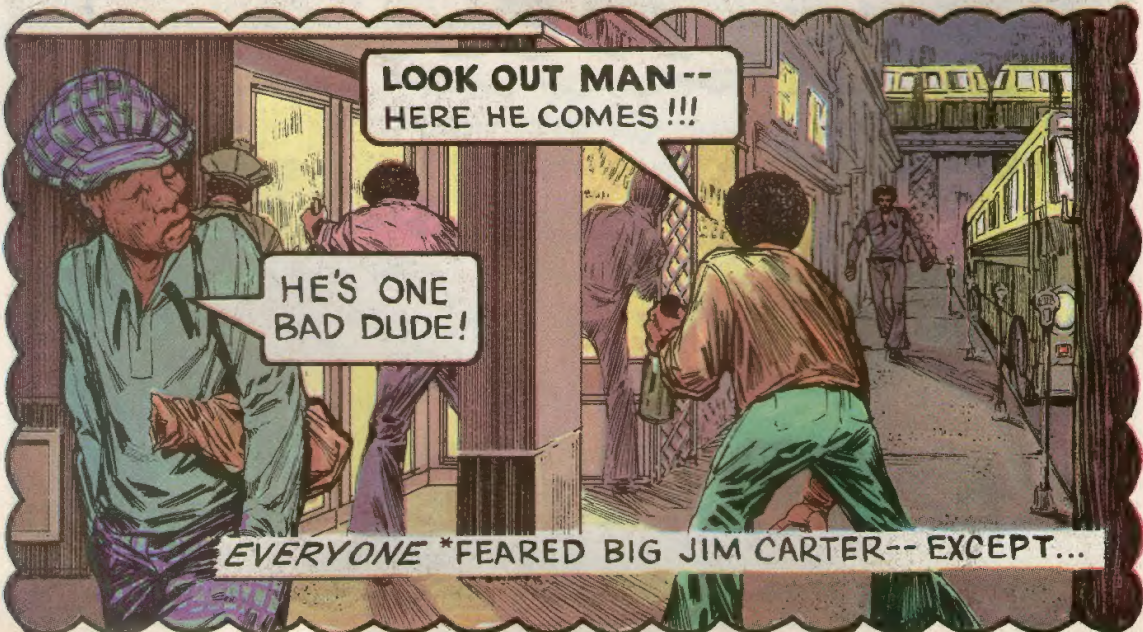


WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER
MAN I'M SUPPOSED TO
MEET TONIGHT !



JAMES CARTER

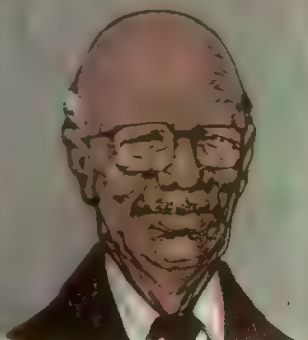
THE OTHER MAN IS
JAMES CARTER --- 20 YEARS
OLD. HE WAS THE HEAD
OF A NARCOTICS RING --
AN EXPERT IN STREET FIGHTING
TRAINED AS A BLACK MILITANT.
HE HAS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE !



LOOK OUT MAN--
HERE HE COMES !!!

HE'S ONE
BAD DUDE !

EVERYONE *FEARED BIG JIM CARTER-- EXCEPT...



AN OLD PREACHER WHO HAD LOVED AND PRAYED FOR JIM SINCE HE WAS A CHILD.

ONE DAY THE OLD MAN WALKED UP TO JIM AND HE STARTED SPEAKING!



THAT OLD FOOL IS LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!

I DON'T GIVE HIM 5 MINUTES TO LIVE!



BYE, BYE PREACHER!

YOU'VE HAD IT--- PREACHER!



YOU CAN'T KILL ME UNLESS YOUR FATHER GETS PERMISSION!

MY FATHER ??? HEY MAN-- YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY FATHER!

OH, YES I DO!



YOUR FATHER IS THE DEVIL ! IF CHRIST GAVE HIM PERMISSION THEN YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND KILL ME !



WOW, PREACHER, YOU'RE TOO MUCH! YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT JAZZ ?



HOW COME
YOU'RE NOT
*AFRAID OF
ME?

I ONLY FEAR
ONE PERSON!



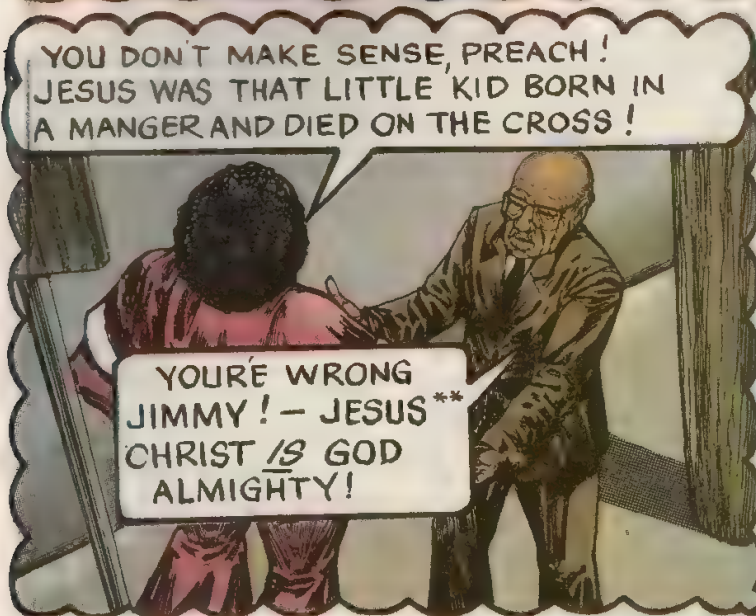
WHO'S
THAT?

THAT'S GOD
ALMIGHTY!



YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT THAT PIE
IN THE SKY --

NO! I'M TALKING
ABOUT JESUS!



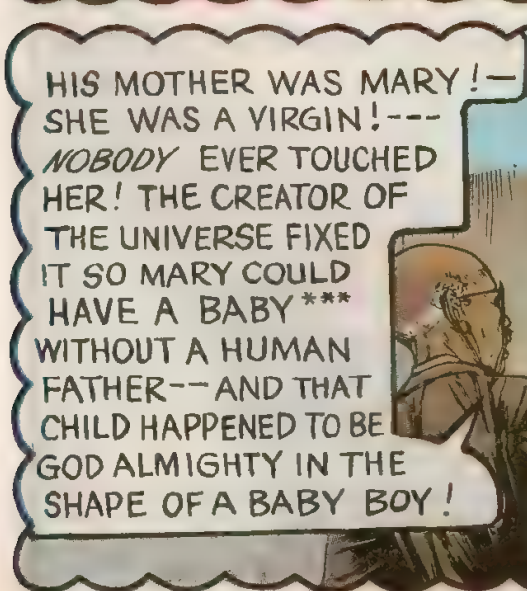
YOU DON'T MAKE SENSE, PREACH!
JESUS WAS THAT LITTLE KID BORN IN
A MANGER AND DIED ON THE CROSS!

YOU'RE WRONG
JIMMY! -- JESUS**
CHRIST IS GOD
ALMIGHTY!



LET ME TELL YOU
HOW HE WAS
BORN!

GO
AHEAD!



HIS MOTHER WAS MARY! --
SHE WAS A VIRGIN! ---
NOBODY EVER TOUCHED
HER! THE CREATOR OF
THE UNIVERSE FIXED
IT SO MARY COULD
HAVE A BABY***
WITHOUT A HUMAN
FATHER -- AND THAT
CHILD HAPPENED TO BE
GOD ALMIGHTY IN THE
SHAPE OF A BABY BOY!



MAN! -- THAT'S OUTTA SIGHT!
WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE TELL
ME THIS
BEFORE?

WHEN THE ^{*}CREATOR DIED
ON THE CROSS, THAT HOLY
BLOOD HE SHED WAS FOR
YOUR SINS, JIMMY CARTER!
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT ---
THEN YOU'LL BECOME A
NEW
MAN!

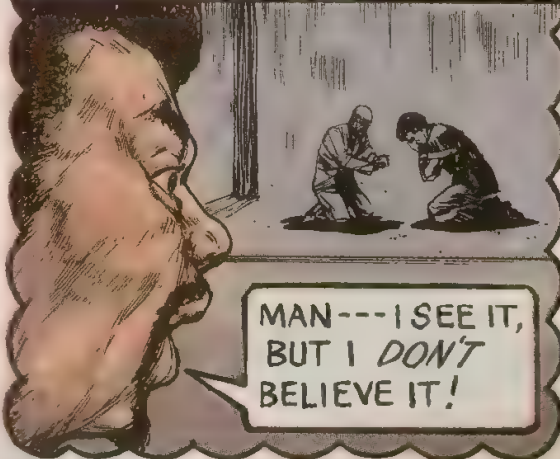


THIS IS HEAVY, PREACHER!
I'LL HAVE TO CLEAN UP MY
LIFE FIRST!



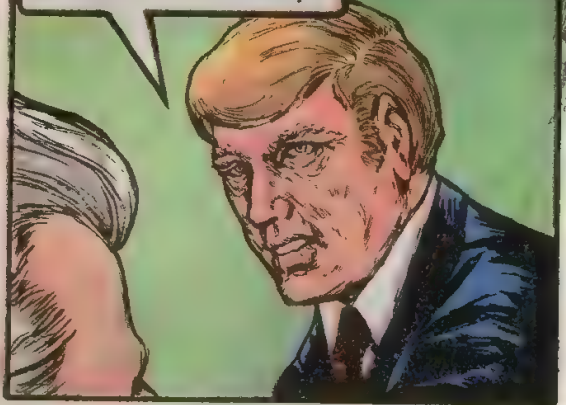
NO WAY!-- YOU CAN'T CLEAN
IT UP!-- HE WANTS YOU JUST
THE WAY YOU ARE!

THAT DAY, JIM CARTER
FOUND CHRIST.



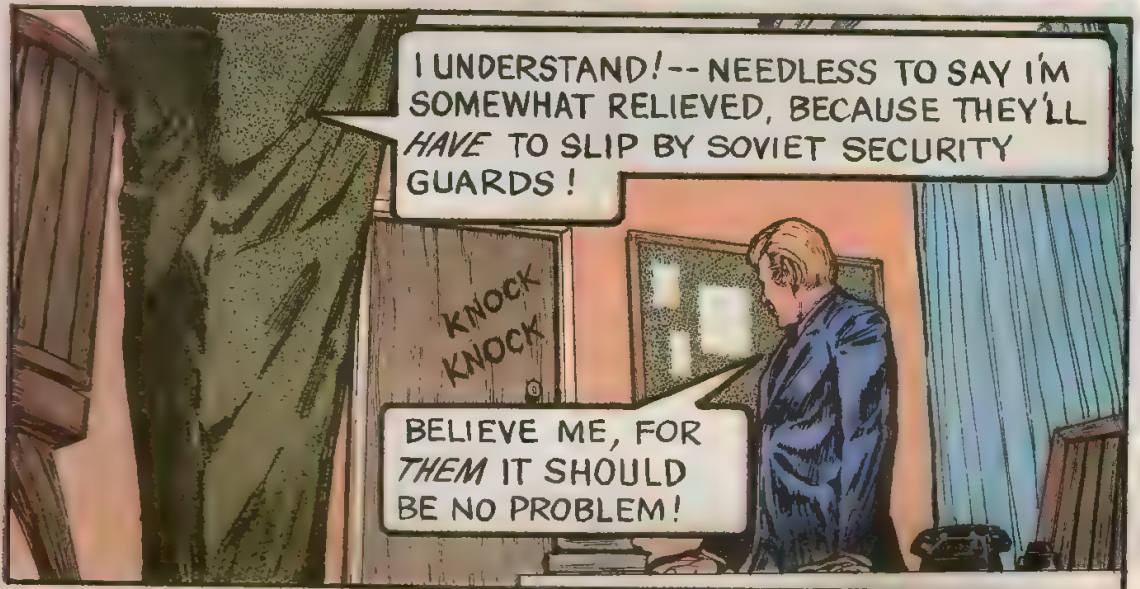
MAN---I SEE IT,
BUT I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!

DR. KOSLOV-- BOTH OF THESE
MEN LOVE THE LORD AND
WOULD GLADLY GIVE THEIR
LIVES FOR HIM!



I UNDERSTAND!-- NEEDLESS TO SAY I'M
SOMEWHAT RELIEVED, BECAUSE THEY'LL
HAVE TO SLIP BY SOVIET SECURITY
GUARDS!

BELIEVE ME, FOR
THEM IT SHOULD
BE NO PROBLEM!



DR. KOSLOV, THIS IS JIM CARTER
AND TIM CLARK!

HOW DO YOU
DO, SIR

MY PLEASURE,
DR. KOSLOV!

GENTLEMEN!

DR. KOSLOV HAS
SOMETHING *VERY*
IMPORTANT HE WANTS
TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!

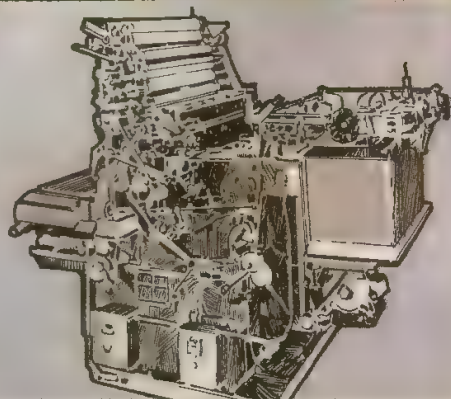
PLEASE BE SEATED!

GENTLEMEN--
THE WORD OF
GOD IS
FORBIDDEN
IN MY
COUNTRY!

MANY OF OUR
BRETHREN ARE
PRAYING FOR BIBLES!

AND *NOW* WE HAVE A
WAY TO SOLVE THE
PROBLEM!

I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT AN
UNDERGROUND PRINTING
PRESS HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED
IN A SMALL TOWN NEAR
BUCHAREST---- WE *NOW* HAVE
THE FACILITIES TO PRINT OUR
OWN BIBLES.



AN EXCELLENT TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE HAS BEEN MADE OF THE ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND HERE IT IS!-- ON MICRO-FILM!



ONCE THIS IS IN THEIR HANDS-- WE WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE UNDERGROUND BIBLES WITHIN EIGHT WEEKS!



ISN'T THE SOVIET UNION EASING UP ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM?

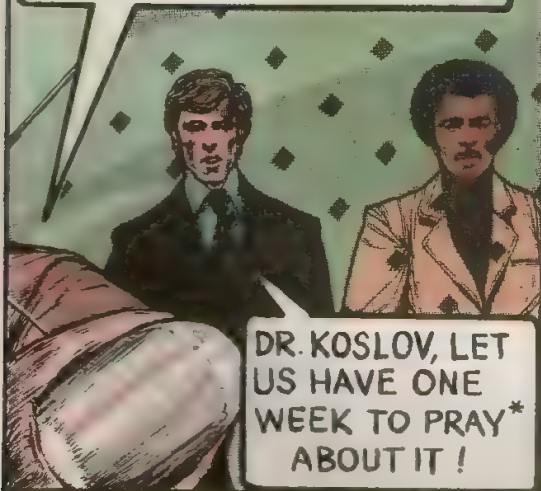
DON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ!--ANY CHURCH THAT IS OPEN, IS TOLD WHAT TO PREACH BY THE GOVERNMENT!



YOU SEE, TO BE A CHRISTIAN BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IS *VERY* DANGEROUS!



WILL YOU MEN TAKE THE MICROFILM TO BUCHAREST?



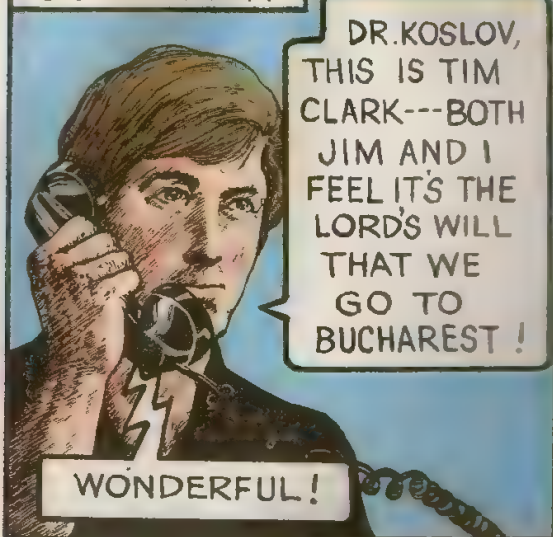
DR. KOSLOV, LET US HAVE ONE WEEK TO PRAY* ABOUT IT!

CERTAINLY, I UNDERSTAND!



IF THE LORD SAYS YES!-- THEN WE WILL BE THRILLED TO GO!

3 DAYS LATER



DR. KOSLOV,
THIS IS TIM
CLARK---BOTH
JIM AND I
FEEL IT'S THE
LORD'S WILL
THAT WE
GO TO
BUCHAREST !

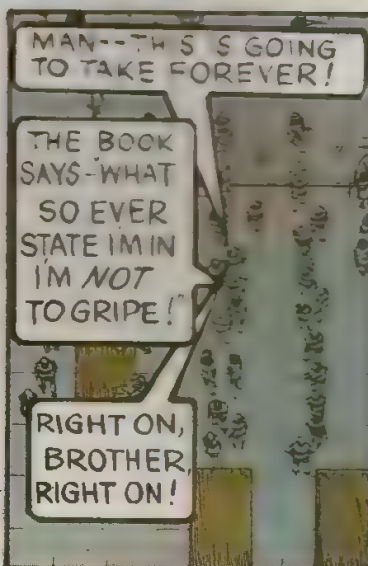
WONDERFUL !



AFTER THIS IT'S SHOTS---THE
PLANE TICKETS AND THEN IT'S--
HELLO BUCHAREST !



THIS IS IT !



MAN--THIS IS GOING
TO TAKE FOREVER !

THE BOOK
SAYS--WHAT
SO EVER
STATE IMIN
I'M NOT
TO GRIPE !

RIGHT ON,
BROTHER.
RIGHT ON !



WHICH COUNTRY ARE
YOU PLANNING TO
VISIT ?

ROMANIA ! --
WE ARE GOING TO
BUCHAREST AS
TOURISTS !



ALLRIGHT, MR.
CARTER, FILL OUT
THESE FORMS AND
RETURN THEM WITH
YOUR PHOTOGRAPH !

NEXT !



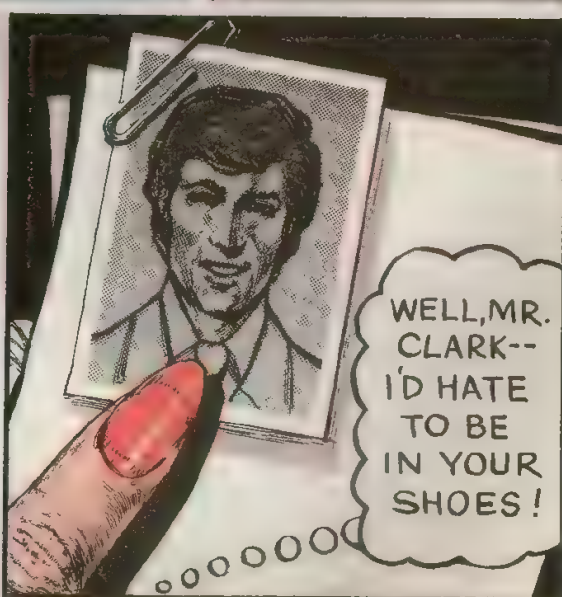
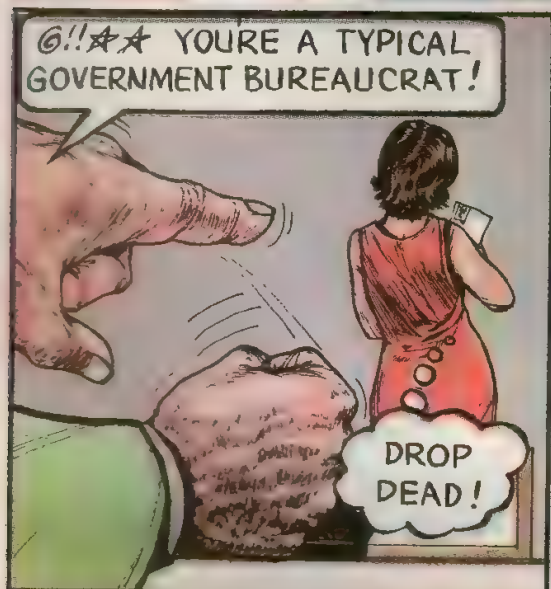
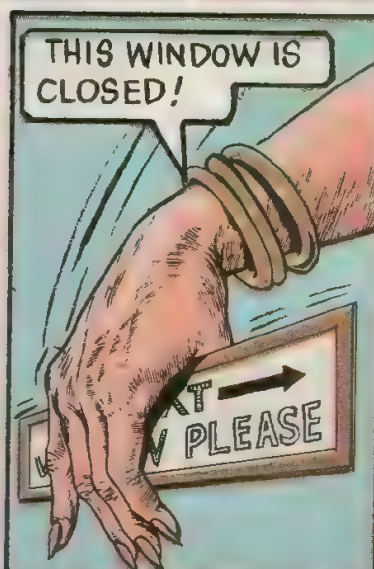
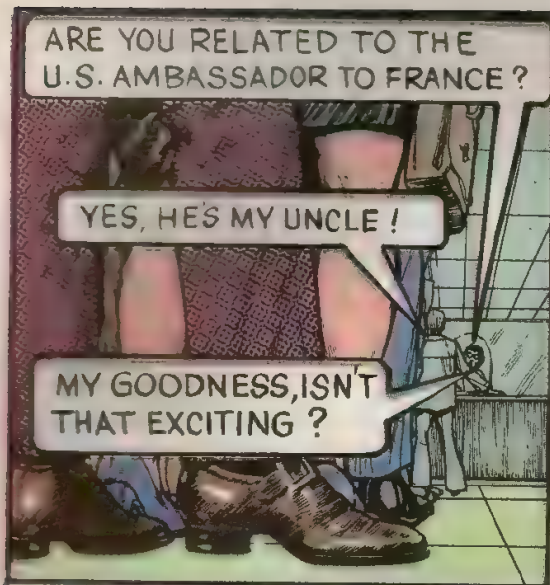
I'M GOING WITH HIM !

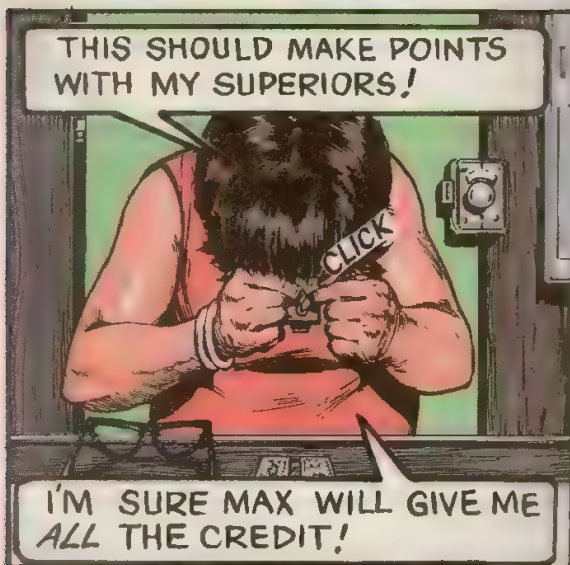
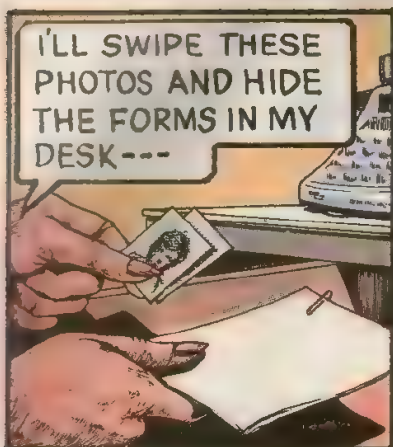
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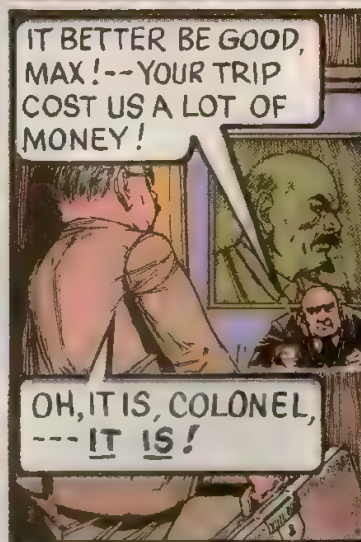
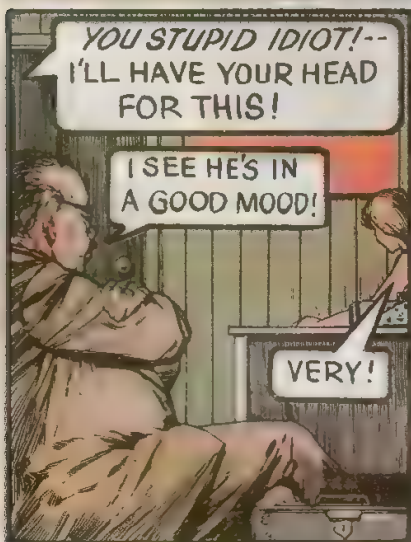
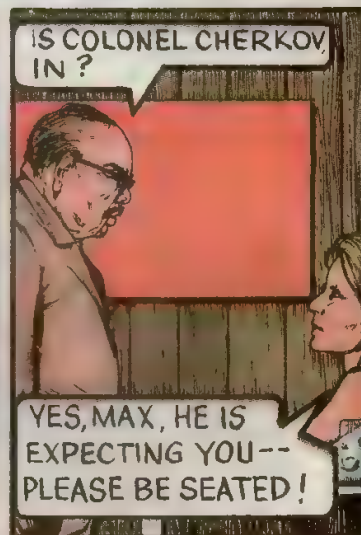
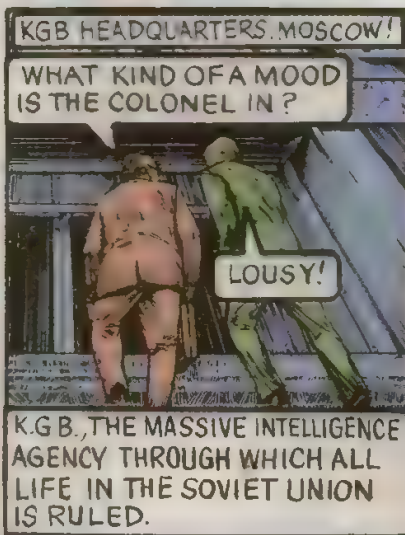
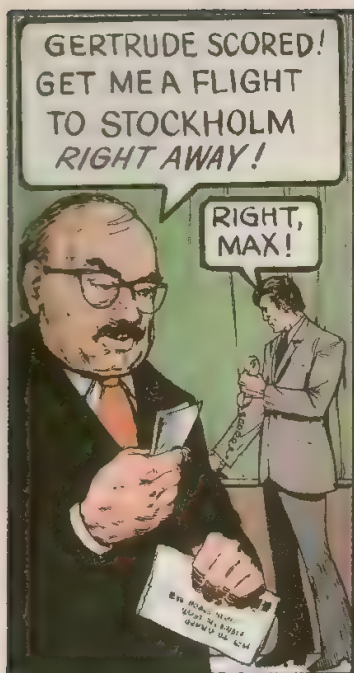


(GASP)--- IS YOUR
NAME TIMOTHY
EMERSON CLARK ?

YES, MA'AM !

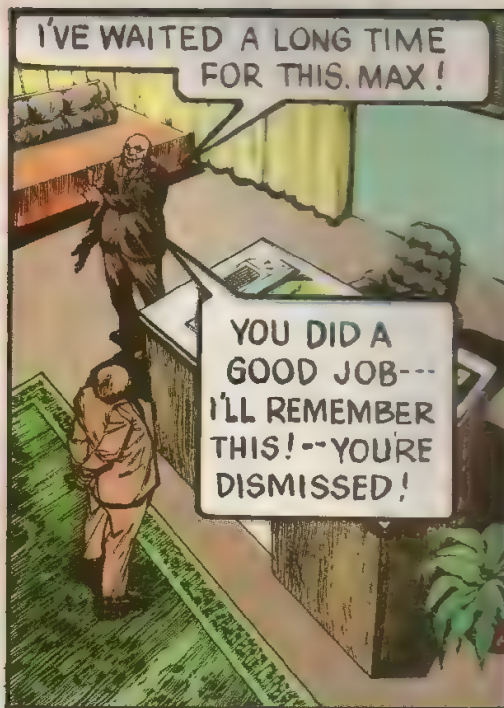








TIMOTHY
EMERSON
CLARK! --
THIS IS TOO
GOOD TO BE
TRUE!

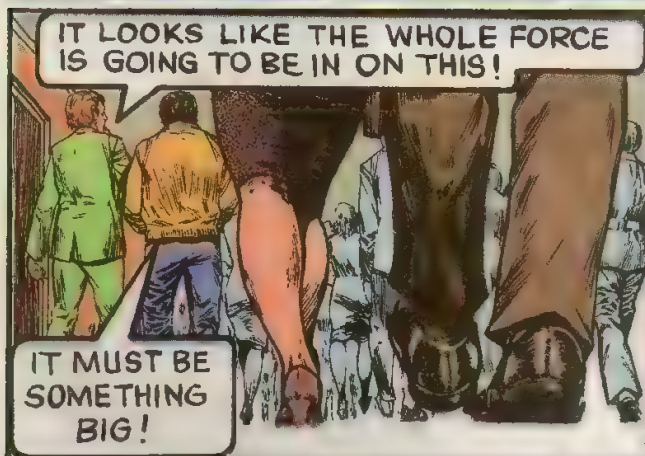


I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME
FOR THIS, MAX!

YOU DID A
GOOD JOB---
I'LL REMEMBER
THIS!--YOU'RE
DISMISSED!

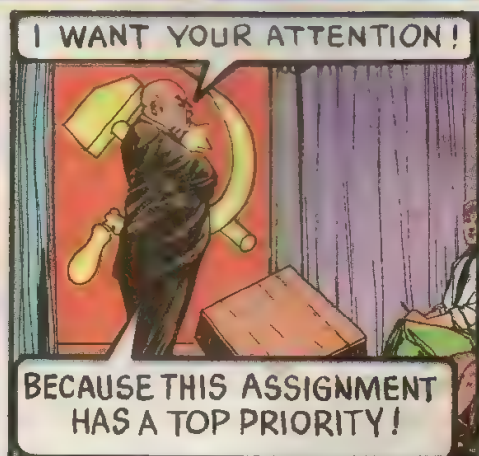


YES,
COLONEL!



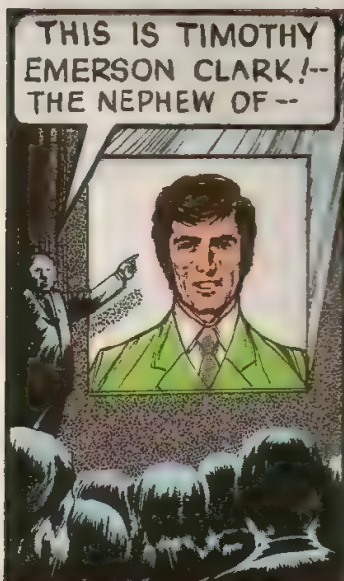
IT LOOKS LIKE THE WHOLE FORCE
IS GOING TO BE IN ON THIS!

IT MUST BE
SOMETHING
BIG!

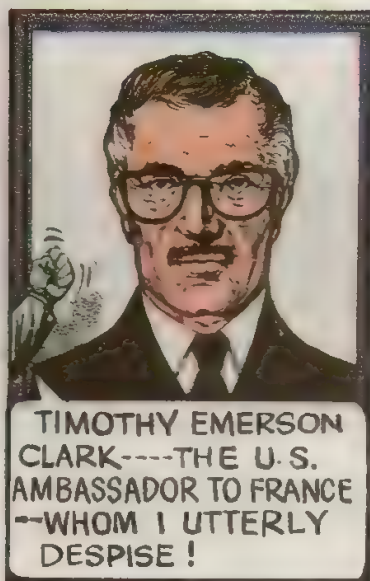


I WANT YOUR ATTENTION!

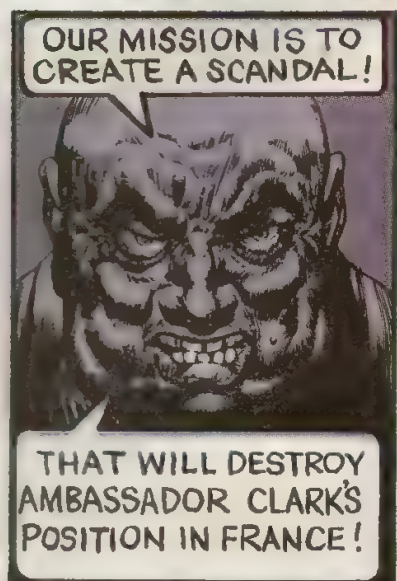
BECAUSE THIS ASSIGNMENT
HAS A TOP PRIORITY!



THIS IS TIMOTHY
EMERSON CLARK!--
THE NEPHEW OF --



TIMOTHY EMERSON
CLARK----THE U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE
--WHOM I UTTERLY
DESPISE!

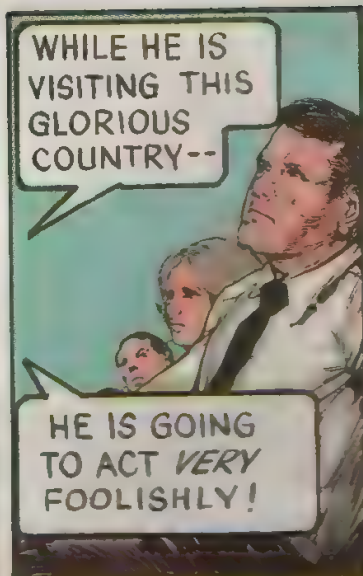


OUR MISSION IS TO
CREATE A SCANDAL!

THAT WILL DESTROY
AMBASSADOR CLARK'S
POSITION IN FRANCE!



THIS YOUNG MAN
IS COMING TO
BUCHAREST AS A
TOURIST!



WHILE HE IS
VISITING THIS
GLORIOUS
COUNTRY--

HE IS GOING
TO ACT *VERY*
FOOLISHLY!



IT SO HAPPENS HE
IS GOING TO FALL
IN LOVE WITH ONE
OF OUR
BEAUTIFUL
AGENTS!



HE IS GOING TO
DISHONOR THIS
LOVELY RUSSIAN
GIRL!



AND WHEN THE
NEWS LEAKS OUT!--

WE WILL BE
OUTRAGED!!



THE SOVIET
UNION WILL DEMAND
AN APOLOGY FROM
THE UNITED STATES!



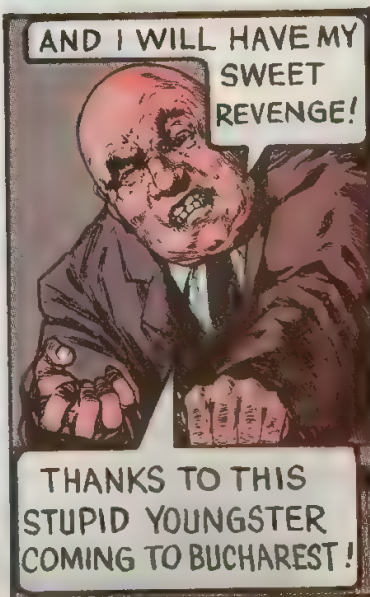
AND BECAUSE HE'S
THE AMBASSADOR'S
NEPHEW ---

WE WILL PUBLICIZE
HIS NAME OVER
AND OVER AGAIN!
PEOPLE WILL THINK
THAT IT'S THE
AMBASSADOR WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT!



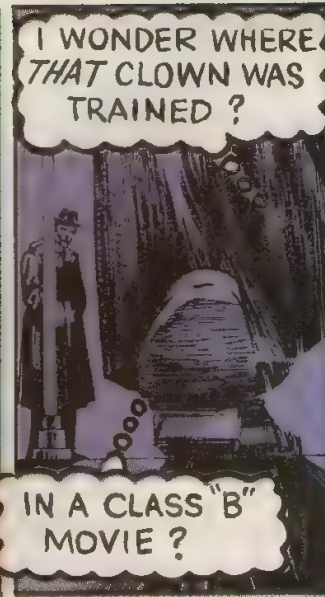
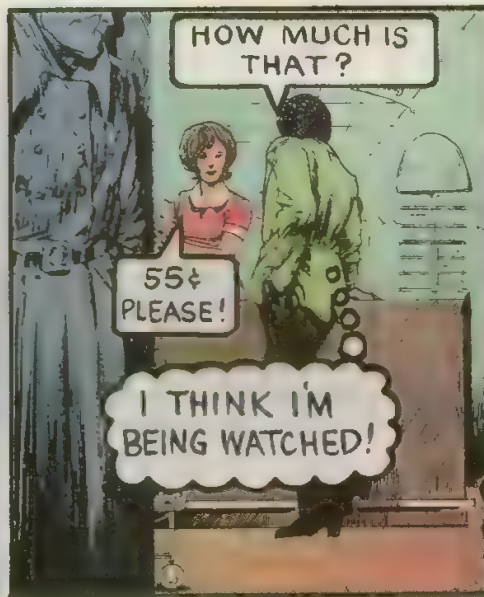
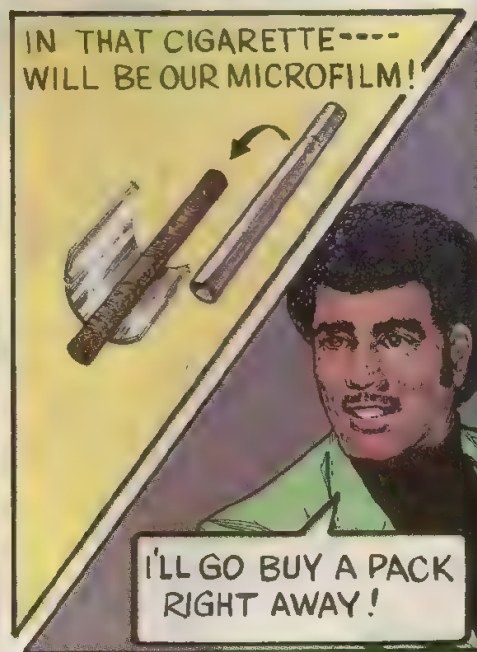
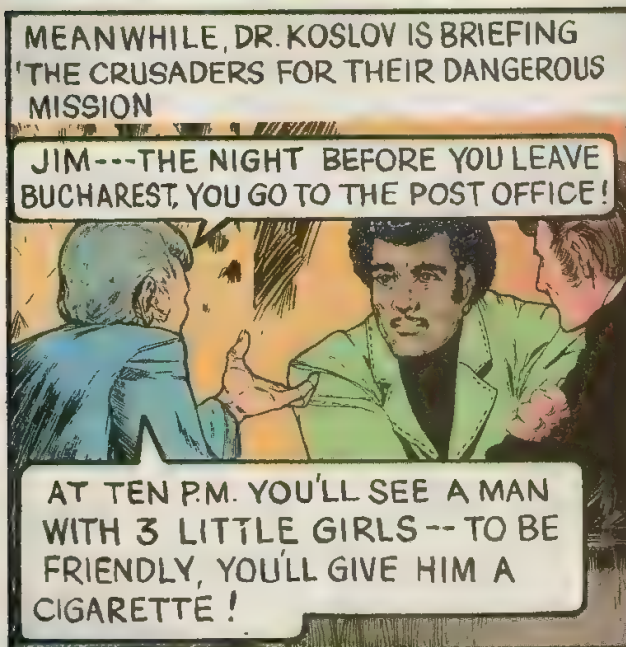
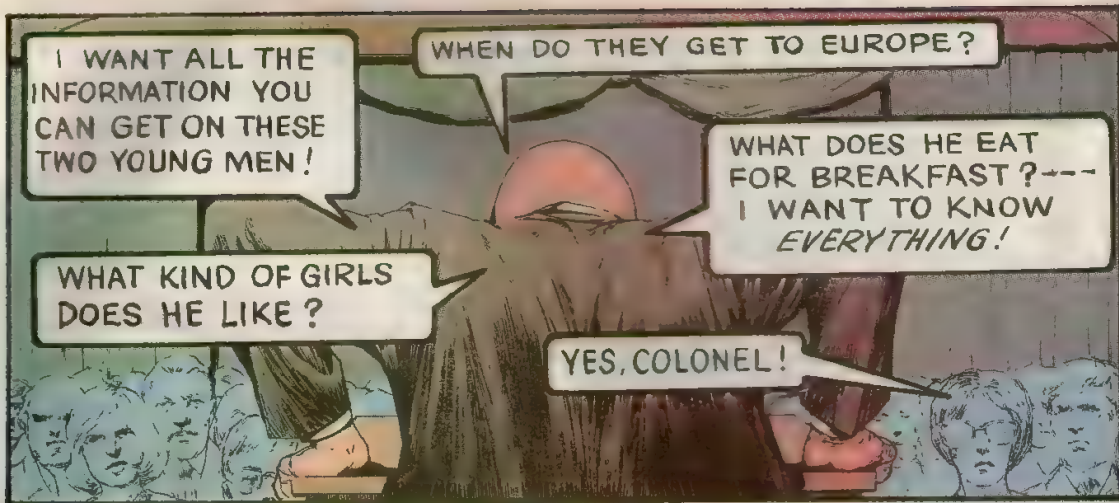
WE'LL DEMAND THE
INSTANT REMOVAL
OF THE GOOD
AMBASSADOR
FROM FRANCE!

TO APPEASE OUR
GREAT HURT!---
THEY WILL DO
JUST THAT!



AND I WILL HAVE MY
SWEET
REVENGE!

THANKS TO THIS
STUPID YOUNGSTER
COMING TO BUCHAREST!



HERE'S THE CANCER STICKS, DR. KOSLOV!

GOOD, I'LL PREPARE THE CIGARETTE FOR THE MICROFILM!

ONCE MORE!-- AT 10 P.M THIS MAN WILL COME OUT OF THE POST OFFICE!

WITH 3 LITTLE GIRLS!

WE'VE GOT IT, DOCTOR!

GENTLEMEN, YOUR PLANE LEAVES IN 2 WEEKS---I MUST GO NOW!

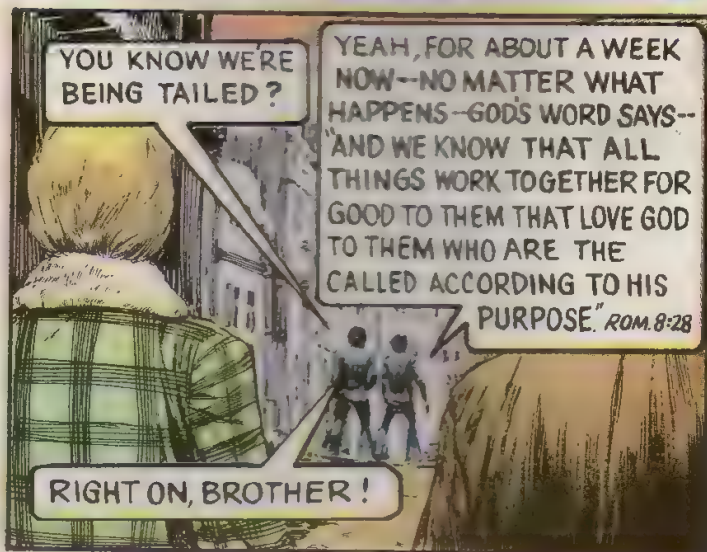
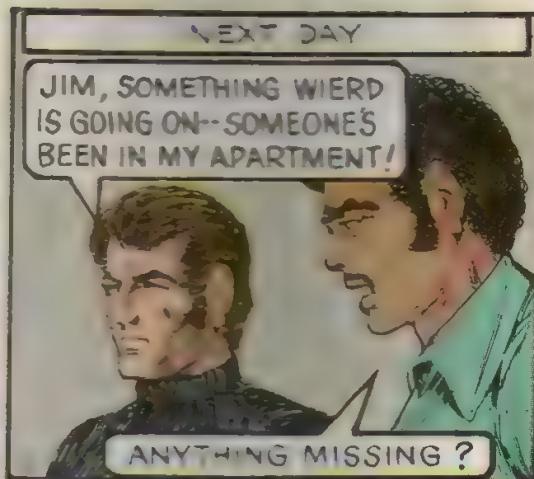
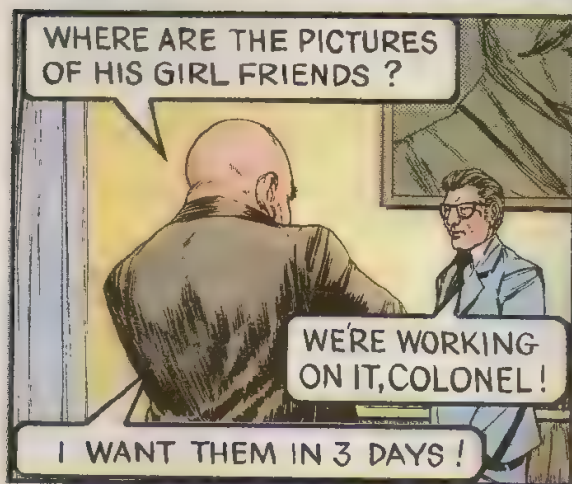
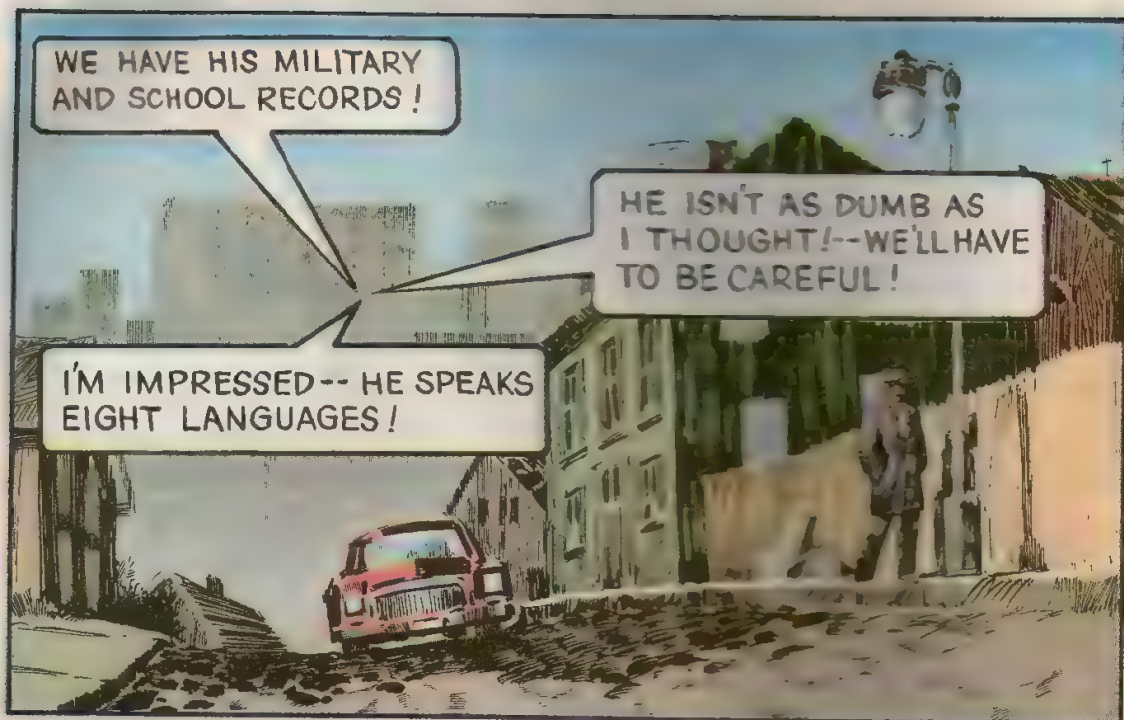
LET'S PRAY FOR GOD TO GUIDE*AND PROTECT YOU AND THAT YOUR MISSION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL!

DEAR LORD---TONIGHT WE COME BEFORE YOU-----

BACK AT KGB HEADQUARTERS

WHERE THE @@!!☆☆! IS THEIR SCHEDULE?

WE'RE WORKING ON IT, COLONEL---WE'RE WORKING ON IT!



KGB HEADQUARTERS

THESE ARE THE GIRLS HE
HAD PHOTOS OF!-- FROM
THESE WE MADE UP A
COMPOSITE OF THEM ALL!



THIS IS WHAT
IT LOOKS LIKE!

BRING IN THE *SWALLOWS--I
WANT THE ONE THAT LOOKS
THE MOST LIKE THE COMPOSITE!

COLONEL--THIS AGENT IS SOFIA
TOFFSKY--SHE HAS A PERFECT
RECORD OF 19
ENTRAPMENTS!

*SWALLOWS ARE SOVIET GIRLS WHO
WORK FOR THE K.G.B.--THEIR JOB IS
TO ENTICE FOREIGNERS INTO
AWKWARD SITUATIONS SO THEY
CAN BE BLACKMAILED.

I LIKE HER!
SHE LOOKS
LIKE AN ANGEL!

PUT HER THROUGH
THE COURSE! TELL
HER *EVERYTHING*!

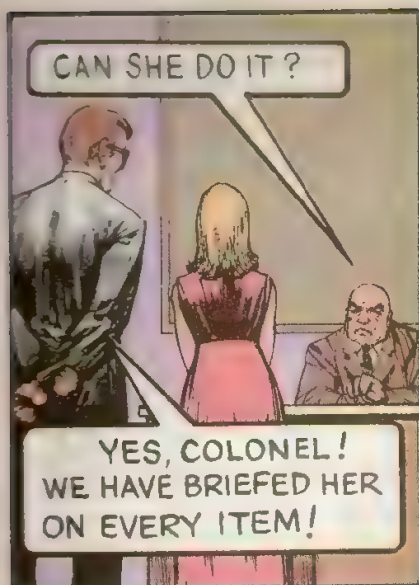
OUCH!

DON'T FAIL US
SOFIA!-- THINGS
MIGHT NOT GO SO
GOOD FOR YOU!

A TOAST TO OUR
FALLEN ANGEL---
TO SOFIA'S SUCCESS!

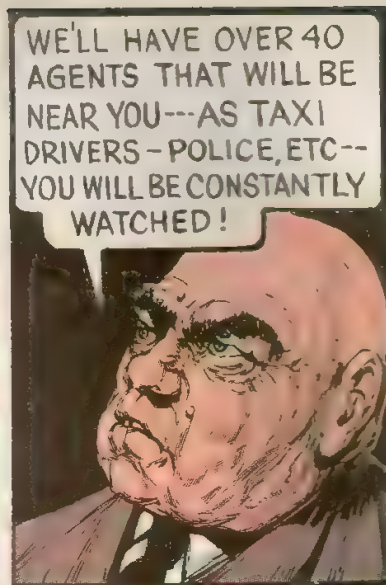
THE
PIG!





CAN SHE DO IT ?

YES, COLONEL !
WE HAVE BRIEFED HER
ON EVERY ITEM !

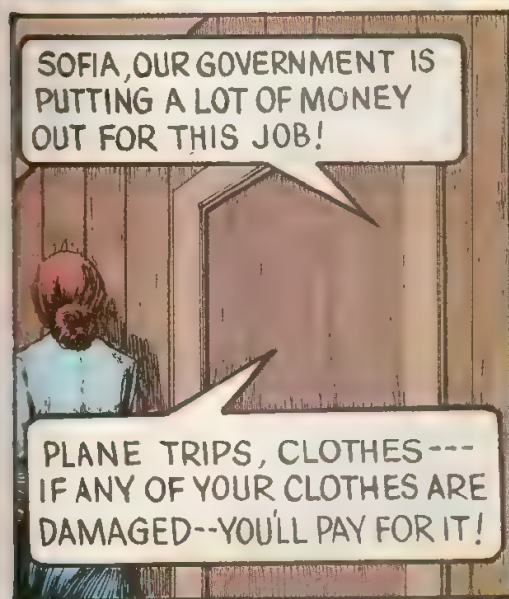


WE'LL HAVE OVER 40
AGENTS THAT WILL BE
NEAR YOU---AS TAXI
DRIVERS - POLICE, ETC--
YOU WILL BE CONSTANTLY
WATCHED !



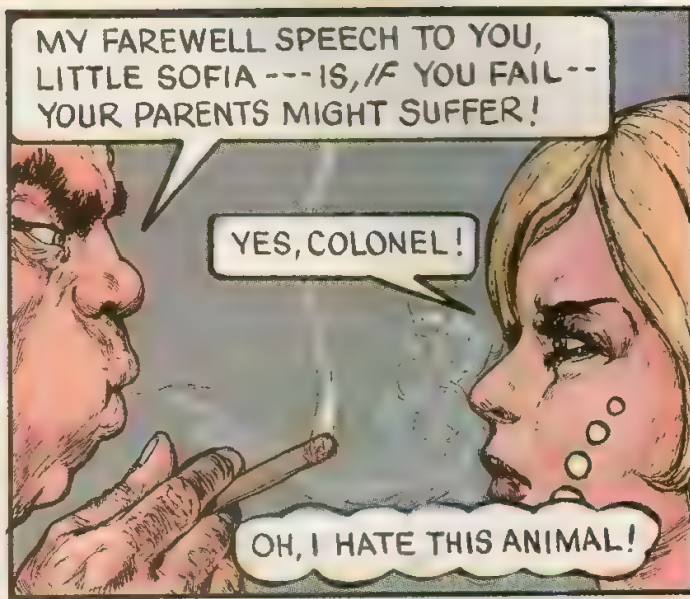
THEIR MEETING AT
THE AIRPORT IN
PARIS
IS ALL
SET !

REMEMBER--THE BLACK
MAN GETS SOUNDLY
BEATEN UP AT THE
TAXI !



SOFIA, OUR GOVERNMENT IS
PUTTING A LOT OF MONEY
OUT FOR THIS JOB !

PLANE TRIPS, CLOTHES---
IF ANY OF YOUR CLOTHES ARE
DAMAGED--YOU'LL PAY FOR IT !



MY FAREWELL SPEECH TO YOU,
LITTLE SOFIA ---IS, IF YOU FAIL--
YOUR PARENTS MIGHT SUFFER !

YES, COLONEL !

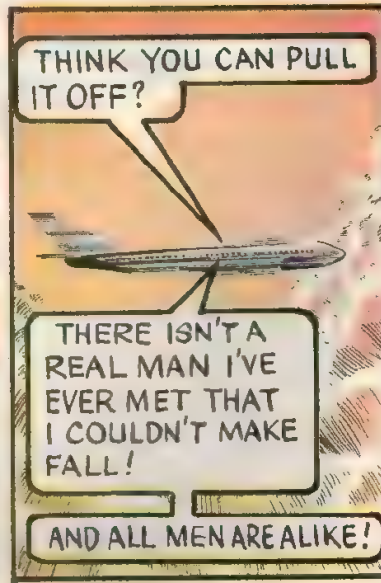
OH, I HATE THIS ANIMAL !



WE ARE TO ESCORT
YOU TO THE AIRPORT !



SOFIA TOFFSKY-- I AM
HUSÁK ---ASSIGNED
TO TAKE YOU TO PARIS !

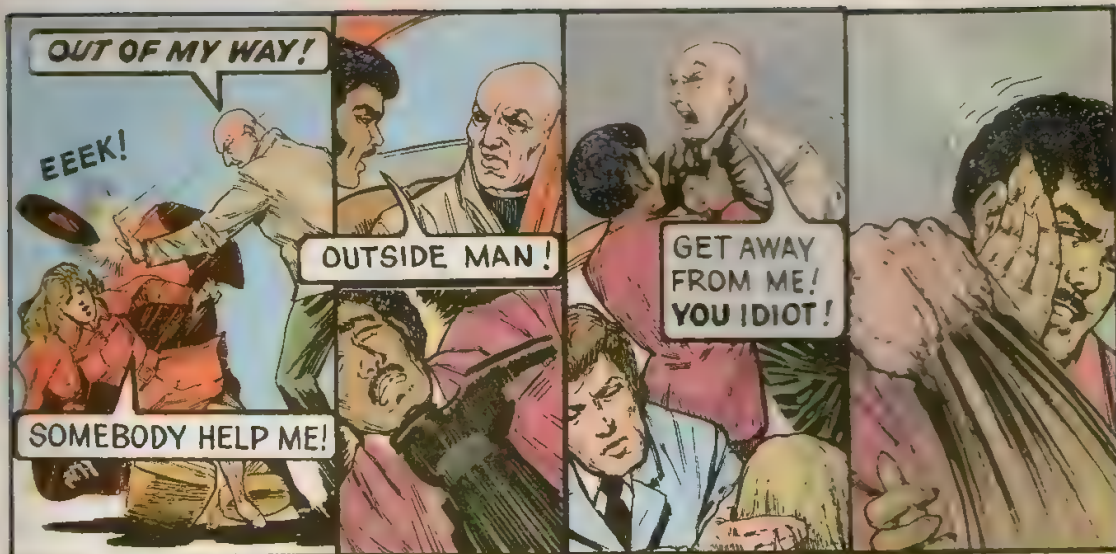


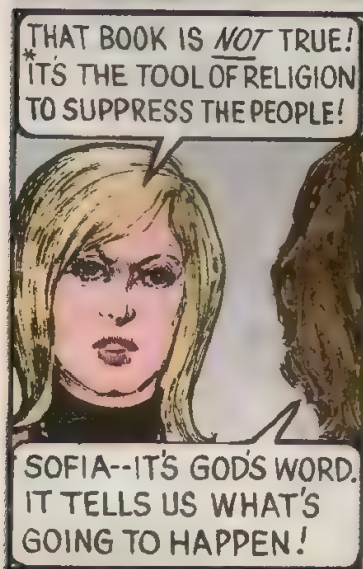
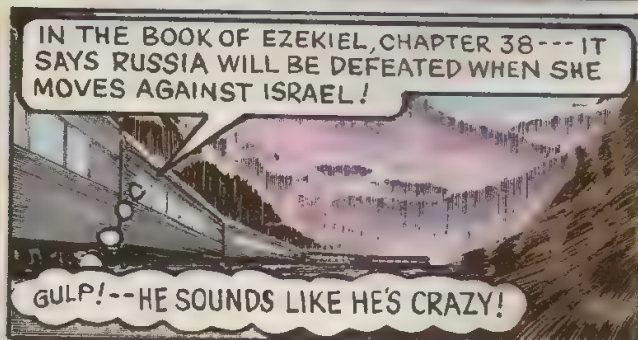
THINK YOU CAN PULL
IT OFF ?

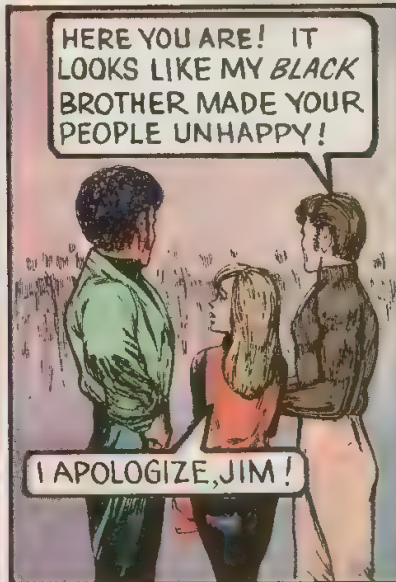
THERE ISN'T A
REAL MAN I'VE
EVER MET THAT
I COULDN'T MAKE
FALL !

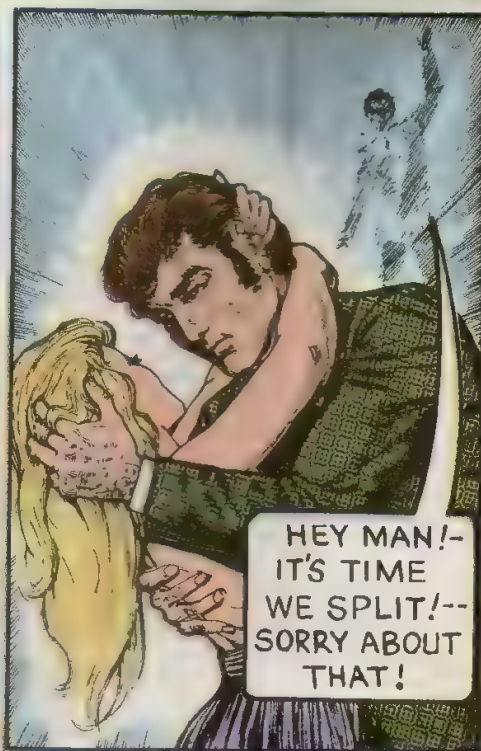
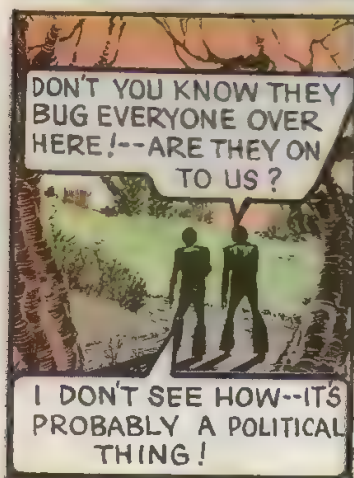
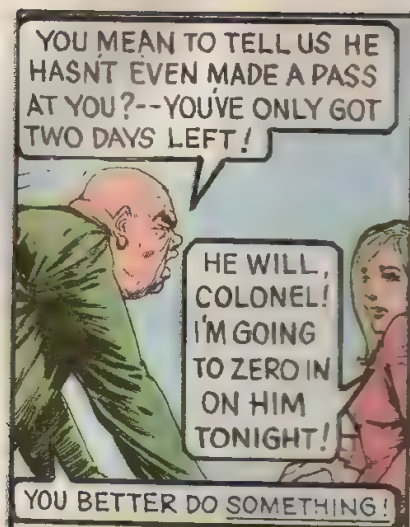
AND ALL MEN ARE ALIKE !

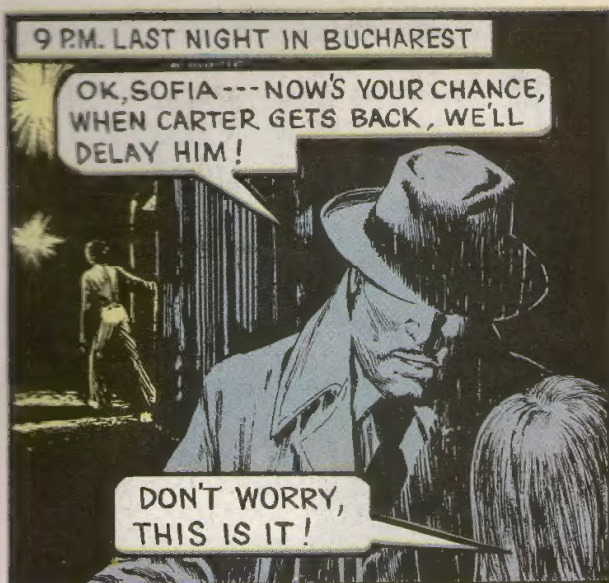


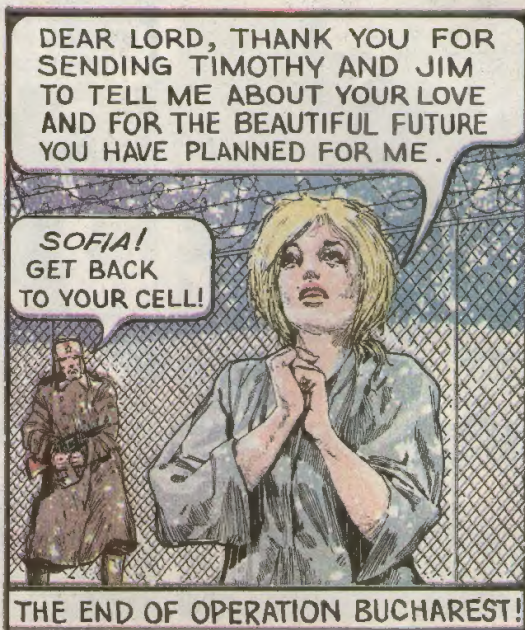
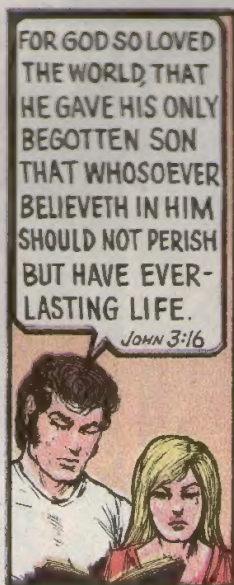












Sofia's suffering is only temporary... very soon the *Rapture will take place and she will be with the Lord. She will miss the coming holocaust when 1/3 of the Earth is destroyed by fire and the ecology is ruined.



- Sofia will return with Christ and rule with Him in His earthly kingdom.

Daniel 7:18 & 27, Zechariah 14:5 & 9

- She will have a glorious new body that can travel at incredible speeds and pass through walls.

Luke 24:31, John 20:19

- Her body will be without pain, spot or blemish.

Rev. 21:4, Ephesians 5:27

- She will have tremendous riches and power. Romans 8:17, Hebrews 1:2

- She will participate in a fabulous banquet given by Christ in heaven for his church. Rev. 19:9

- She will live with the Lord forever.

Psalms 23:6, I Thess. 4:17

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

I Corinthians 2:9

Sofia made the right choice — If she had refused God's gift of eternal life through Christ, she would have died in her sins and been cast into the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:41

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my **personal Saviour**.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

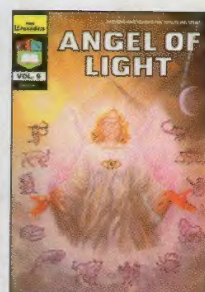
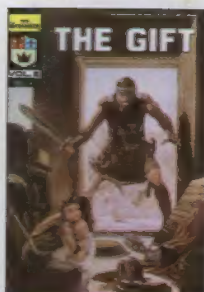
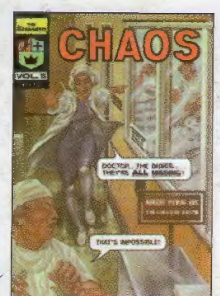
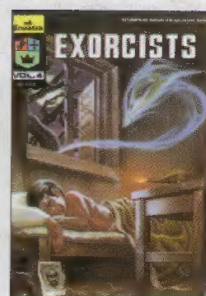
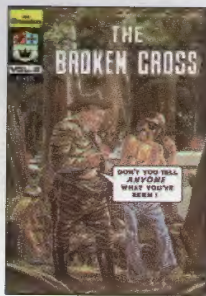
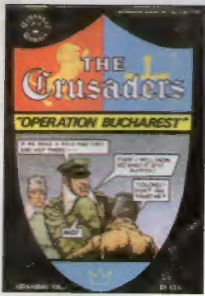
1. Read your Bible every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read **The Next Step**, available at Christian bookstores or from Chick Publications.

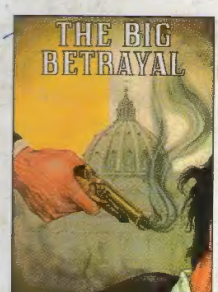
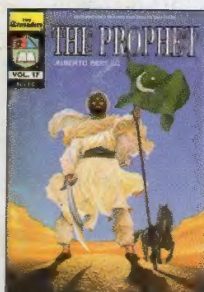
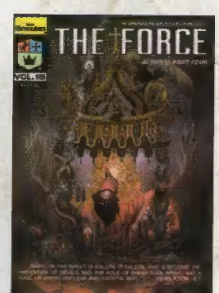
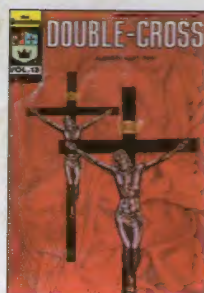
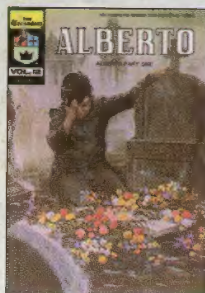


* "For the Lord himself (Jesus) shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

I Thess. 4:16-18



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